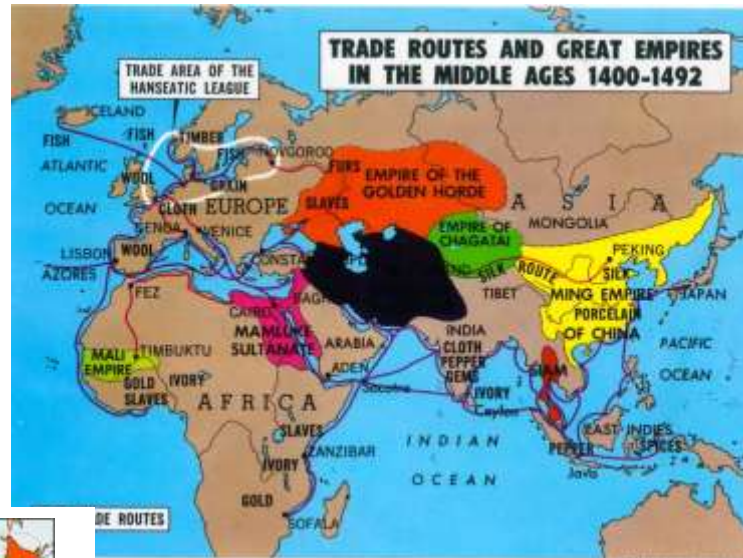


# Trade Routes

## Aided diffusion & exchange of culture/technology

- Silk Routes across Asia to Mediterranean Basin
- Maritime Routes across Indian Ocean
- Trans-Saharan routes across North Africa
- Western European sea & river trade
- South China Sea & lands of Southeast Asia



## East African Kingdoms

- **Axum**
  - Location near Ethiopian Highlands & Nile River
  - Christian Kingdom
- **Zimbabwe**
  - Near Zambezi & Limpopo Rivers; Indian Coast
  - City of "Great Zimbabwe" capital of prosperous empire

## Japan



- **Geography**
  - Mountainous *Archipelago*
  - 4 main islands
  - Proximity to China & Korea
  - Sea of Japan/East Sea separates *archipelago* from Asian mainland

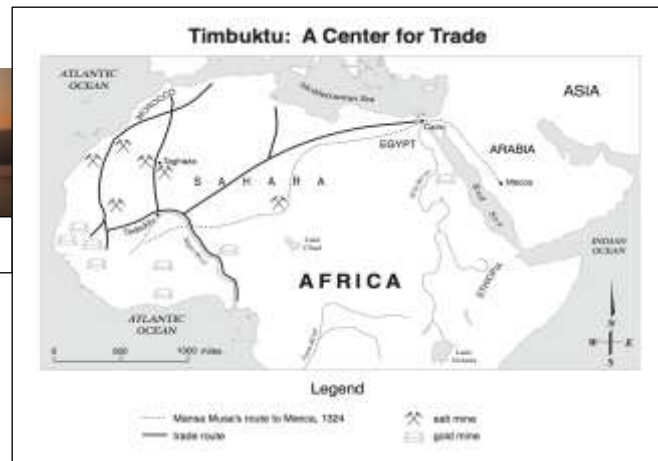
- **Chinese Influence**
  - Writing
  - Architecture
  - Buddhism



Torii Gate (Shinto)

- **Shinto**
  - Unique to Japan
  - Importance of natural features, forces of nature, ancestors
  - State Religion; worship of Emperor
- **Development of Feudalism**
  - Samurai Warriors

# The Eastern Hemisphere



## West African Kingdoms

### Importance of Gold & Salt to trans-Saharan trade

1. Ghana
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Great Kingdom
2. Mali
  - Mansa Musa
  - Islam
  - Timbuktu becomes key Islamic City
3. Songhai



- **Animism**
  - Belief in nature spirits
  - Most common African Religion
- **Bantu Migrations**
  - Population shifts
  - Bantu languages basis of most African languages